

## First Open Forum Chamber of Commerce

**Bond Issues Explained—Notable Addresses by R. V. Orbison, E. G. Lewis and P. G. Briney.**

The first open forum of the reorganized Torrance Chamber of Commerce was held at the Auditorium Wednesday evening.

After two interesting reels, a sport and a comedy, Mr. Gourdiere, President of the Chamber, called the meeting to order, and in a few concise words urged the co-operation of Torrance residents.

He then presented the resolution adding two new Directors to the Chamber, which passed by vote of the members assembled.

H. D. Pottenger, the new secretary of the Chamber, was introduced, and expressed his gratification in having become a resident of Torrance, and was greatly pleased with the spirit of co-operation shown.

He asked for suggestions from the members for the official publication, "The Torrance Whistle."

E. R. Orbison, City Manager of Pasadena, and one of the noted sanitation engineers of the country, was introduced as the first speaker of the evening.

The need of looking forward to the future needs of the community in sanitation service was urged.

The speaker pictured the growth of sanitation of a growing community from a mere hamlet to a large city with sewage a serious problem.

Mr. Orbison had inspected the Torrance sewer system and the Ihmhoff tank. This tank, when cleaned up, will serve for a number of years. The sewer farm is one of the best I have seen anywhere in the country, for the purpose.

The principle of the septic tank was explained and many slides shown illustrating the principle.

Money spent on sanitation is money well invested.

You must look toward the future when it concerns sanitation.

Mr. Briney spoke exhaustively on the bond issue.

There are a few facts concerning which we must not overlook.

A city government, in the eyes of the state, is an individual, with limitations as to what it can do—is a creation of the statutes, legally.

You can look back in your own experience and you know that the cities that have progressed are those that have borrowed and spent money for improvements that will make it a city where people will want to grow.

It is impossible to put in large civic improvements from the annual income. For this reason money is raised by borrowing. Trustees are restricted to the expenditure of money each year to the money received, and they cannot lay aside money year after year until there is enough to pay for some improvement.

The Trustees cannot go into debt for more than the current year's expenditures without securing consent of the voters at an election called for the purpose.

The assessed valuation last year was \$3,300,000.

The state law restricts us to 15% of the assessed valuation, so there is very little likelihood of a city going bankrupt.

The present proposed bond issue is only about 3% of the assessed valuation.

This bond issue is for two purposes (1) of securing a sewer farm, pumps, equipment, etc., for sewer purposes.

(2) For paving Carson, Arlington and sections of Marcelina and El Prado. Carson, El Prado and Arlington are our main arteries into and out of the city. Because of this it was deemed proper that the city should bear part of the expense as a heavier paving is necessary to carry the through traffic and heavy trucking.

When questions on any subject under consideration were called for Mr. Klusman asked for a reading of ordinance No. 19.

Mr. Briney explained that ordinance No. 19 merely set the specifications for different kinds of street work, giving eight different kinds, so as to save a great expense in printing bills, and did not make obligatory the use of any particular kind of paving.

Mr. Klusman stated that he had never opposed the street or sewer

## Torrance Theatre Heads Show Houses of County

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McVey were delightfully surprised when about forty members from the Film Exchanges of Los Angeles called on them last Friday evening to witness the last show of "The Sheikh." They were greatly surprised at the wonderful projection the Torrance Theatre has and at the beautiful exterior and interior of the theatre. Special comment was made on the excellence of the equipment of the operating room.

Some of them remarked when they wanted to see a good picture they would want to come to Torrance.

A record commented on by them and of which Mr. and Mrs. McVey are particularly proud is the 100% projection. Once a month an inspection is made of the projection, etc., of the different theatres of the county and from the first picture shown the Torrance Theatre has each month stood at the head of the list as 100% perfect, and this list includes the highest class shows in Los Angeles. Some class to our Torrance Theatre.

Mr. Harden, the operator, takes great pride in getting the very best pictures that can be shown on a screen, and there is no better projection anywhere in the country.

The visitors were particularly delighted by Mr. and Mrs. McVey, who was a most beautiful and artistic conception.

### CAWELTI-YOUNG

Miss Blanche Cawelti of San Bernardino and Mr. Harry Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Young, were married in San Bernardino last Saturday. Mrs. Young is a sister of Mrs. M. W. Smith of the Torrance Electric Shop. Mr. Young is employed by the Torrance Transfer Co. Mr. and Mrs. Young will make their home in Torrance.

Mr. F. L. Parks of the Torrance Plumbing Company has purchased a new one ton truck from Schultz, Peckham & Schultz.

Mrs. R. G. Lovell and little daughter of Spurlin Court have returned to Torrance after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Texas.

Little Elsie Mae Tolson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tolson, of Vista Highlands, is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tolson of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Jacob Zeller, of Swift Current, Canada, who, with her husband, has been spending the winter in Torrance with her son, Rev. F. A. Zeller, is in Good Samaritan hospital in Los Angeles, where she underwent an operation last Tuesday. Dr. Lobingier was the surgeon.

I am Torrance candidate in the Examiner's Business Girl's contest. Will you kindly help me by leaving your coupons at Torrance Pharmacy, Torrance Electric Shop (next door to postoffice) or Dolley's Drug Store. Coupons are on page two of first section.

MARY BALDRICK.

### FLOORING AT \$28 PER 1000

bonds, but was opposed to a sewer farm. He wanted the very best for the city and only what was best for the community, properly providing for the taxpayers best interests.

I certainly agree with Mr. Klusman that we do not want a rotten sewer farm nor shall we have one, responded Mr. Briney.

The proposed sewer farm is not a sewer farm for the spreading of raw sewage as supposed by some, but we must have a place for the disposal of the water and sludge coming from the septic, or Ihmhoff tank, and we must provide not only for today but for the future.

Secretary Manager of the Hermonsa Beach Chamber of Commerce, introduced "a grand old man," called attention to the deplorable state of affairs there because they had no adequate or modern sewer system. They anticipate the raw sewage overflowing into the streets this summer.

Mr. E. C. Lewis, general manager of the great Los Verdes project, gave a very interesting and instructive talk of the wonderful "vision" of the most beautiful and complete cities, "built in order" in the world, and

## American Legion to Erect Stage as Addition to Hall

The American Legion building has been finished to the extent originally planned at first and now Torrance is equipped to handle almost any kind of meeting that may come to town, and as an evidence of this, we have just learned that this year's Chautauqua will be held in the Legion Hall.

This is a wonderful advantage for the Chautauqua as it eliminates the erection of a tent, bad weather, etc. The Post is negotiating for the purchase of chairs and is starting immediately on the erection of a stage. The stage will be a welcome addition to the present building and will be of ample size to accommodate not only the Chautauqua performances but any other small productions that may come our way.

To provide greater comfort for patrons of the building the Post is taking immediate steps to line the interior walls. This is undoubtedly a step in the right direction and every effort is being exerted to get this work finished as soon as possible.

In connection with the stage the Post contemplates the addition of a kitchen and dressing rooms. As someone has remarked, "If the Legion keeps on it will have a building." And believe us, we are convinced that the Legion is here to stay and it is going to keep on.

## Big Opening Event Lyons Electric Co.

The opening of the Lyons Electric Co. in the El Prado block on Wednesday of this week was a very successful affair and a large number of guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Lyons.

The store was very artistically arranged and decorated and there was a very large and fine display of electrical devices of every kind.

A unique feature of the opening day was a wireless receiving station installed by Mr. A. W. Greene over which were heard choice selections of music from the Kinema theatre.

Delicious hot electric baked waffles and coffee were served by Mrs. Lyons.

### NOTED EDUCATOR TO VISIT TORRANCE

Dr. Rufus Bernard Von Klein Smid, president of the University of Southern California, will speak, April 10th, at 6 o'clock at the Dominguez sales office, under the auspices of the First M. E. church. The Ladies' Aid Society will serve a dinner. Only a limited number will be able to hear this outstanding educator. Reservations for dinner should be made early.

Workmen are busy with the construction of a five room house on Andree avenue for Mrs. Kinney of Los Angeles.

## PEPTOMISTS MEET AT LEGION HALL, MARCH 23

**Property Owners, Citizens and Voters of Torrance:**  
There will be a meeting of the Peptomist Club at 7 o'clock p. m. March 23d, at the Legion Hall.

Come and see how 600 newly organized Peptomists work. Men and women, see how we stand for certain principles in the community in which we live.

The Peptomists do not ask any odds from anybody. They do not ask the backing of any organization like the Chamber of Commerce or kindred societies. The Peptomists do their own thinking and act accordingly.

The Peptomist is and makes for good membership in the Chamber of Commerce; puts himself into it with body and soul, and backs it up with his pocket book.

The Peptomist does not work for his own aggressive glory and financial benefit, but for the good of the whole community.

There will be fine singing. There will be good speaking on the issues of the present time. Sewer and street bonds will be discussed upon.

W. T. Klusman, candidate for City Trustee will address the Peptomists.

Dont miss this! Be sure and come; be a Peptomist! Boost, work, and do something for your town.

March 23d, Legion Boys Hall, 7 o'clock p. m. Sharp.

Admission Free. Ladies Welcome.

### TORRANCE THEATRE PROGRAM

MR. and MRS. J. C. McVEY, Managers

Monday, March 20

Margaret Clark in

"SCRAMBLED WIVES"

Tuesday, March 21

David Butler in

"THE MILKY WAY"

"MERCHANTS' COUNTRY STORE"

Prizes donated by Torrance Merchants

Wednesday, March 22

Windham Standing and Mabel Ballin in

"THE JOURNEY'S END"

This is the first screen drama shown without one subtitle or a single word of explanation.

Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24

Norma Talmadge in

"THE WONDERFUL THING"

Julia Hoyt, New York's most beautiful woman, supports Miss Talmadge in this feature.

Saturday, March 25

The sweetest, prettiest and cleverest comedienne of the screen

Doris May in

"EDEN AND RETURN"

\$100 worth of laughs. Be in the audience.

Ruth Roland in "The White Eagle"

Sunday, March 26

"JUST AROUND THE CORNER"

A Cosmopolitan production from the story by Fannie Hurst

Pathe News and Comedy

Coming Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31

The Boy Wonder of the film world, Jackie Coogan in

"MY BOY"

"My Boy" was written especially for Jackie—we trust no one will miss seeing it.

## SCHOOL NOTES

On Monday of this week the fifth and sixth grades made a little trip to Exposition Park, Los Angeles, to study nature. They saw many interesting specimens of different animals. Miss Sykes, the nature study supervisor of the Los Angeles city schools, and Miss Lay and Mrs. Hostetter accompanied them. They all took their lunches and a very enjoyable day was spent, which will not be forgotten by the pupils for a long time.

Quite a number of new scholars enrolled this week.

The student edition of the school publication, the T. N. T., are putting out a very creditable issue this week. They are very well pleased with the support they are receiving from the local merchants in advertising.

A workman has been busy in the school this week, on the laboratory, and new apparatus is being installed for the science class.

## Farmer's Boy Earns at Rate of \$9000 a Week

There is a thirteen-year-old boy in Iowa who figures his income as a motion picture actor at the rate of \$9000 a week, or just about six times greater than the salary of the President of the United States.

He is Clarence Brand, and he makes his debut in pictures in "The Wonderful Thing," starring Norma Talmadge, distributed by Associated First National Pictures, Inc., which is to be the attraction at the Torrance Theatre Thursday and Friday March 23d and 24th.

His opportunity to get into pictures came by chance. He was the most freckled kid of the hundreds who crowded around to see the filming of the final scenes of "The Wonderful Thing," taken on the Bradley-Harbold hog ranch at Centerville. A messenger boy was needed in one of the scenes. Clarence was selected. He ran on the scene and delivered a letter to Howard Truesdell and ran off again. Brenon gave him \$5.

Clarence figures it took him two minutes to deliver the message. Five dollars for two minutes would be \$150 an hour, and working ten hours each day would bring the daily stipend to \$1500, and hence the \$9000-per-week figure. Clarence is willing to work for considerably less on a full-time job.

## Charity Ball Was a Complete Success

On Wednesday evening of this week the American Legion, in conjunction with the Legion Auxiliary, staged their first charity ball, and reports indicate that the affair was a complete success from every standpoint.

The net proceeds are to be turned over to the Torrance Relief Society for disbursement as they see fit and we are all of the mind that the money will be well spent. All of Torrance was there and all enjoyed every minute until the last note of music was played. The enlarged dancing floor was delightfully crowded but everyone had plenty of room, and many were the comments on the additional dancing space. The Legion believes their money has been well spent.

Of course the Post has it in mind to make this dancing party the first of what it will term an annual affair, and next year's party already promises to be a brilliant affair. The committee who handled this year's party is to be highly complimented on their arrangements. The hall was tastefully decorated with green stuff, flags, and bunting, which added greatly to the scene. The green and white paper hats given out as favors were an innovation which added to the jollity and informality, nearly everyone preserving them as souvenirs.

### MYSTERY AND KNOWLEDGE

Persons passing the Midway-Chandler-Canfield well on the Torrance-Redondo road, and which came in some months ago with a reported steady flow of 900 barrels, are not at all mystified by the huge tanks of oil which are trucked away every night from the seepage from the vent left when the well was partly shut off. Neither are they at all mystified by the industrious digging of ditches and the laying of pipe and the delivery of lumber or other equipment which is

## Torrance Woman's Club Holds Interesting Meeting

The Torrance Woman's Club held its regular meeting in Legion Hall on Monday, March 13th. Mrs. Stock presiding, Mrs. Gilbert being absent on account of illness in her family. Mrs. Milburn was asked to act as secretary.

Mrs. Parks gave a report on the Federation Secretaries meeting which she and Mrs. Sammons attended. She reported having seen Mrs. Urquhart, the district president, who said she would be pleased to visit Torrance on any date after the district convention, which meets in Santa Monica on March 28th, 29th and 30th.

Mrs. Milburn gave a report on the press conference that she has attended.

Mr. Pottenger, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was introduced to the Woman's Club by City Attorney Briney. Mr. Pottenger presented a communication to the club in regard to the meeting in the Auditorium Wednesday evening at which time the bond election would be discussed.

It was decided the Easter program of the club will be given at the meeting of April 10th.

Mrs. Stock read the call to the District convention, Santa Monica. Delegates were elected. Mrs. Lancaster, second vice-president, as alternate for Mrs. Stock, president, and Mrs. Sammons, with Mrs. Parks as alternate.

A little time was spent in enumerating the good things the club has done in the past year.

A communication was read asking the club to support the Shepherd Tower Maternity bill which the Woman's Club did by voting to write the congressman from this district asking him to vote in favor of the bill.

Mrs. Parks was appointed chairman of transportation to arrange for transportation of the club members to the convention.

A recess was ordered in which Mrs. Lavin delighted the club with two piano numbers, after which the club adjourned.

## American Legion Brevities Dances to Continue

This paper takes off its hat to the American Legion Post of this town and is ever ready to go out of its way in an endeavor to convince all the townspeople that one of the most valuable assets of any town is an American Legion Post.

The Legion is not selfish in its doings; it realizes and appreciates the fact that other people and other organizations are at work in every town where there is a Legion Post; it desires to co-operate; it desires to help and assist for the mutual welfare of all; it desires real, honest, friendly constructive criticism from every source; it is young; it is not afraid; it expects to learn by experience; in fact, it is a real, live, he man outfit, with a heart of gold and a desire to do.

The Post is going to continue its Saturday night dancing parties, and as soon as it can, it is going to lay a hardwood floor. Our Saturday night dances are those little informal affairs which are enjoyed by all.

There are still a few eligibles in this neck of the woods who are eligible to the Legion. Come around, fellows, and get acquainted.

Regular meeting next Monday night. Everybody come and bring a new member.

### MOVING PICTURES

Are you interested in moving pictures? Are you interested in what God has to say with regard to your entertainments? The pastor of the First Baptist church of Torrance will answer the question "Does God Say Anything About the Movies?" at the evening service next Sunday, Time, 7:30. You are welcome.

reported quietly in progress. Neither is there any mystery in the fact that sightseers are forbidden entrance upon the premises, nor from the fact that no information is permitted to leak out to the general public. Mystery and knowledge do not go together, and, where mystery seems to exist, or to excite, then knowledge becomes common property.